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Customer No. 22,852  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of: )  
ALAIN BETHUNE et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1734  
Application No. 09/506,795 ) Examiner: G. Koch, III  
Filed: February 18, 2000 )  
For: MATERIAL SUPPLY STRIP, )  
SYSTEM, AND METHOD OF )  
APPLYING PIECES OF MATERIAL )  
TO OBJECTS )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING**

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 41.47(b), Appellants request an oral hearing.

This request is timely since it is made within two-months after the mailing date of the  
Examiner's Answer.

A check for the required fee of \$1,000.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any  
additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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